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Among other blessings of the holiday season the average citizen will not fail to note the fact that the Congressional Record has been temporarily suspended.

EUROPE is a sufferer for the want of food. Its supply from home production is short, and there appears to be but one source of principles of the definet Confederacy. relief-the granaries of the United States. The famished peoples of the Old World rely upon American food to keep them from starvation. Through the goodness of the Ruler of All, we have enough and to spare. While the broad acres of this favored land are cultivated there need be no food famine

the other day that "as long as GRANT lives deny most emphatically that the members " he will be a thorn in the side of Republi- of that body, with, perhaps, a single excep-"can politicians," meaning thereby that he tion, were guilty of the charges alleged will stand in the way of not a few aspirants against them out of which grew the feather for the Presidency. "For," continues the duster story. The trath is that at the time Graphic, "the people will always turn to of the breaking up of the legislature "him in an emergency and ignore the and when the "spree" occurred wherein " presence of ambitious leaders." To which the feather dusters, the clock, &c., &c., were we add that the people are prodding this appropriated for other than public uses, thorn into the sides of the aspirants aforesaid with lively vigor just now.

The political gossips have not abandoned their speculations regarding the recent reorganization of the Republican National recently discovered that of the nineteen votes east for General AVERILE for chairman, one at least, that of Committeeman HUNTLEY, was a GRANT vote. Mr. HUNT-LEY frankly says that Senator BLAINE is his second choice, after General GRANT, for President, and that he voted as he did for the purpose of " making BLAINE a good "second." It is not improbable that other votes for General AVERILL were cast in the

THE New York Republican politicians are just now engaged in spirited maneuvers and speculations regarding the Speakership of the next Assembly in that State. Messrs. JAMES W. HUSTED, GEORGE H. SHARPE and George L. Terry are the most prominent candidates for that honorable office, and the trouble is that no one seems to know which one of the three is the favored candidate of the incoming State administration. It is safe to say, however, that whichever one of them, or whoever else may be elected, the Opposition press will insist that Senator CONKLING or Governor CORNELL dictated that result,

ago its sacred belief that "General GRANT of the idea that this is a Nation, and the neut relief will come to his enemies. bigger the N the better it suits them. They have no fear of the tanner turning aristocrat or of the patriot becoming a traitor.

GENERAL GRANT'S blunt declaration that his sympathies from first to last during the Franco-Prussian war were with the Germans exposes the characteristic inspirations of his habitual train of thought. He analyzed the causes of that great struggle with the clear insight of true statesmanship and found that Louis Narolson had assumed the bloody, needless and hopeless responsibility of precipitating it upon the French people and forcing Germany to acwas, no German-American can find the least fault with him regarding this question, dear as it is to their hearts; and at the same time every true lover of France who despised or hated Napoleonism will coincide

THE seditions example of the Louisiana by means of the counting-out process has had not a little to do with stimulating the in Maine. This goes to show that success ful fraud in any section of the country has the favored choice of the people, a tendency to demoralize the entire people. Four years ago such a thing as this would not have been dreamed of in New England but the series of criminal blunders by which the Southern Bourbons have been permitted to establish bogus Home Rule in their States are bearing legitimate fruit. A strong, brave and honest execution of the laws in the South, supplemented by a realization of the real will of the majority of the people of that section during the past three or four years, would have spared us this infliction of covert rebellion in the North.

THERE is no outcome to the existing tion of the State, and a property valuation muddle in Maine that will not tend to the of \$57,294,758, or more than one-quarter of advantage of the Republicans. The at- the total valuation of all the assessable tempted fraud is so glaring that the more property in that commonwealth. candid of the Democratic press denounce it This is a bad showing, a very bad showseverely. This may tend to frighten the ras- ing; but not so bad as the Republicans of cals from their ultimate designs and explode the South can produce with equal truth, the fraud before its consummation. In that uor so bad as they have produced time and evens the Republicans will reap decided ad- again without awakening the slightest revantages from the diabolical attempt. But spouse of sympathy in the breasts of these should the plot be carried to the end, and a same Republicans of Maine. majority of the people of Maine should be In brief, the Southern Republican show-

attempt to steal the rights of the people of murdered for opinion's sake. Maine.

THE Southern GRANT boom seems to would. It is nevertheless a fact that the inspiration of it, residing, as it did, in the idea of a true, broad and comprehensive Nationality, still exists among the more conservative of that section. They are tired of wrangling over the Lost Cause and attempting to reassert the doctrine of next census will relegate their section to a words, they propose to abandon a losing fight. It is a great pity their numbers are the result is that the overwhelming majority of the Southern Democracy, for the present generation at least, will continue to "vote as they fought," for the alleged

Ir is about time, in view of the progress of the suffrage movement in the District, for some self-satisfied political cunuch to rise up and screech out in piping tones the words Feather Duster!" And it is also about time that the people of the District should again be informed of the fact that this slander against our last District legislature had THE Graphic remarked very truthfully no foundation in fact, We mean by this to the members of that body were absent from that State? their official quarters paying their respects to the Governor and other District dignitaries. During that absence some mischievous (not vicious) citizens raided things, as it were, about the legislative halls, and Committee, by any means. And they have the story was given out that the legislature had dissolved in a disgraceful pilfering ADMIRAL WYMAN, U. S. N., is anchored at the scramble. These facts have been known for years, and are verified indubitably; but they have also been ignored in certain quarters, where the cry of "Feather Dusters!" is supposed to be a very funny utterance, and where a vile slauder upon a class of reputable and well-meaning citizens is often repeated to serve the purpose of serious ar-

THE ANTI-GRANT CRUSADE.

If General GRANT is as unpopular as Mr. NORDHOFF, of the New York Herald, Mr. SMITH, of the Cincinnati Gazette, Mr. ROOT, of Illinois, Mr. MARTIN, of Kansas, Mr. STONE, of Iowa, and Mr. ROBERTS, of the Utien Herald, insist that he is, there is no possible danger of his nomination as President in 1880. This should be a source of unalloyed comfort to all these gentlemen who are now engaged in whistling General GRANT down the wind as a candidate. though their apparent auxiety on the subject would not logically convey the idea that they are fully satisfied that their own representation of the case can be confidently THE New York Sun declared not long relied upon. As we have said repeatedly, the popular will and wish of the Natio means to go further and establish an Em- will decide that question, and if the people "pire"-an Empire, mind you, with a great, want General GRANT, they will at the big E. Nothing less than the biggest E to proper time indicate it, and then those who be found in its font of editorial type would make haste to decry his chances will learn satisfy the inflamed imagination of the the impotence of their own opposition. If Sun when it asserted this belief. Mean- the people shall decide that they do not while it is a noteworthy fact that the peo- want General GRANT as their standardple at large are seemingly satisfied that the bearer in 1880, then his name will not be General is a devout and devoted supporter mentioned in the convention, and perma-

Of one thing the country may rest assured-General GRANT and his friends will studiously abstain from shaping conventions and packing delegations, leaving that entirely with those who hold the political machine at will through the agencies and methods that attach to official power. If delegates to the National Republican Convention are "fixed," it will be by other hands than those of the friends of General GRANT. They rely solely upon the pulsations of the popular heart, and lean their hopes exclusively upon a fair and houest expression of the popular will, for his nomination and election. They are watchcept the gage of battle. If the right had ing the popular tide which is their main been upon the other side his sympathies reliance in this affair, and its flowings, unwould have been with the French. As it tainted by the political and official machine, will bring the result they desire-the preseniation of a standard-bearer who is of the people, is supported by the people, and will idminister the Government for the people when he shall have been elected. If this and are offered at Special Bargains. shall result in the presentation of another name than that of General GRANT-if that and South Carolina Bourbons in creeting name is free from taint, and is not the State governments in those commonwealths product of influences that are brought to bear upon this question unfairly-it will receive the hearty support of every Repubsimilar proceedings now being attempted up lican who has favored General Grant's 1879 nomination under an impression that he is

> "BITTER IN THE BELLY." The Bangor (Mc.) Whig has ascertained that the proportions of the impending outrage by the Democratic authorities of that State "upon the rights of a free people" amount to the disfranchisement of 16,363 voters in seven cities, "or one-eighth of the total vote of the State, with almost 2,000 Republican majority," and that the fifteen members of the legislature who are to be illegally deprived of their seats would properly represent an aggregate population of 76,028, or one-eighth of the total popula-

disfranchised, and the government shall be ing is: The disfranchisement of over one subverted for a year, at the ensuing elec- million of voters, the frandulent counting tion the tide of popular indignation will out of at least forty members of the lower rise so high that the Democratic party will House of Congress, the usurpation of at be literally swept away, leaving little, if least twelve seats in the Senate, and the any, debris to mark its former existence. forcible seizure of at least fifty Electoral hatched by the Democrats in this outrage head, Bourbon Democracy. And, what is We have great confidence that the curses votes, all done by the Confederate, Copperwill come home to roost in abundance. So, more, the Southern exhibit shows for every in any event, the Republicans cannot fail to disfrauchised citizen of Maine the bloody gain largely by this bold and outrageous corpse of a Republican citizen of that section

We are not of those who are inclined to taunt the good people of the Pine Tree State with reminiscences of their indifferhave "died a bornin'," as we expected it ence to the Republican party of the South in the past, and to claim that the eternal equities are now being asserted as a punishment to them for their neglect of their Southern brethren; but we do sincerely hope that the trial they are now being subjected to will serve the purpose of opening their eyes to the complete significance of State Rights in the face of the fact that the Bourbon domination in any and every section of the country. This much accomlasting and obscure minority. In other plished, they will see that Conciliation, such as a certain class of New England sentimentalists attempted in 1875'-76 and pernot large enough to enable them to make haps later, was nothing less than a crime. an effective impression upon the Southern But we must insist that the slight taste political situation. But they are not, and they have had of revolution "under the "color and form of law" is as nothing compared with the murderous dose of the sam nedicine administered by the bloody bands of the State-Rights Opposition to the Republicans of the South.

> Is the appointment of Mr. CLEPHANE Postmaster at Washington one of the results of the reported Republican understanding arrived at in Philadelphia two days ago?—New York

Should any one ask the Herald this question, it could, we think, safely answer-'I don't know." It is difficult, from this standpoint, to see what "Philadelphia two 'days ago" has had to do with this question.

The Maine Catechism. Question - Who makes the Governor of

Auswer-The legislature. Q.-Who makes the legislature?

A.—The Governor.
Q.—Does an election in Maine require mority of votes, or is a plurality sufficient? A.—Neither; the person elected must re-live a minority of the votes cast. Q.—What is the use of a popular election in

A .- That is what no fellow can find out. PERSONAL.

Explo Gerchies, of Sweden, is at the Metropol DR. CHARLES D. SCUDDER, of New York, is booked t Wormley's.

CAPTAIN F. K. Woop, U. S. A., is quartered at the Ebbitt House. JOHN A. BIRDSALL, of the Brooklyn Eagle, is at the St. James. he St. James.

HENRY M. MARTEN and G. W. Gregory, Boston, arrived at the Riggs House yesterday.

LIEUTENARY GEORGE M. TOTTEN, J. S. N., has even his hammock at the Eobitt House.

WILLIAM E. Osnors and wife, of West Virginia, are ejending their honeymoon at the St. James.

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William G. Annistrong and daughter Alice fourreal, and A. Patterson, Indiana, are at the LEON DE CETTE, of Paris: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. lewton, New York; C. P. Hunier, Boston, and I mith. Scotland, are guests at the Arlington. Da. von Moschasken left this morning for P hil delphia, to spend Christmas at the City of trotherly Love. He will be back on Monday. From the time being at benver, Colorado. The time the hope in Washington, is carpet-baggin, it for the time being at benver, Colorado. The diarshal is always good for a "grub-stake," and it is to be hoped a good one will fall to his luck. A. R. DANKELS, of Colorado, D. Shudy, Kansas, F. Hisley, Pennsylvania, F. S. Hicks, California, S. Carpenter, New Jersey, William Johnson Richmond, Tom Ochiltree, Texas, A. Penguet and Risses A. and F. Fort, New York, are stopping a Wilbrid's.

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